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Application No.: 09/702,298 Group: 1743
Filed: October 31, 2000 Examiner: Lyle Alexander
Confirmation No.: 3668
For: AUTOMATED SLIDE STAINER WITH SLIDE HOUSING (AMENDED)

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response for filing in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	16	MINUS	* 20	0	X \$ 25	\$
INDEP	2	MINUS	** 3	0	X \$100	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$180	\$

* not fewer than 20
 ** not fewer than 3

TOTAL= \$ <u> 0 </u>	TOTAL= \$ <u> 0 </u>
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			X \$125	\$[]	X \$250	\$[]

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Petition for Extension of Time

[X] Applicants hereby petition to extend the time to respond to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005 for one month from February 3, 2006 to March 3, 2006. The appropriate fee is set forth below.

[] [For action-specific language in an extension of time, go to insert, file, public folders, firm templates, and select the appropriate paragraph.]

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[X] Petition for one month Extension of Time	\$ <u> 120 </u>
[] Claims Fee	\$ _____
[] Application Size Fee	\$ _____
[X] Other Fees: <u>Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement</u>	\$ <u> 180 </u>
	\$ _____
	TOTAL: \$ <u> 300 </u>

[X] Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees that may be due in this matter to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this letter is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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